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Re Application of:)
HIROAKI IKEDA) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/615,304) Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: July 9, 2003)
For: CHARACTER RECOGNITION) November 17, 2005
APPARATUS AND METHOD)

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

Applicant certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were first cited in a Korean Office Action dated September 12, 2005, in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the Office Action that issued on that related application is enclosed.

For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent No. 6,137,905 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 9-114931.

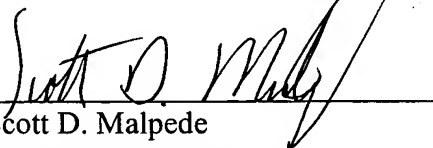
Japanese Document No. 07-239913 relates to a character recognition device that includes first and second recognition means. Connecting means 8 is provided to increase the accuracy of the reading.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,137,905	10/2000	Takaoka	382	173	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		7-239913	09/1995	Japan			Abstract
		9-114931	05/1997	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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